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Donald J. Rose

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For: NITINOL LOOP SUTURE PASSER

Examiner: M. G. Mendoza

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2004 (Paper No. 09292004),
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins
on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.